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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Claims 1-41, 43 and 44 are pending in this application. In the outstanding Restriction Requirement dated November 1, 2006, claims 1-41, 43 and 44 were restricted into three groups. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-30, drawn to a process for preparing an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitory peptide-containing hydrolysate) with traverse.

The traversal of the restriction is on the basis that claims 31, 34-39 of Group II and claims 43 and 44 of Group III are dependent on claim 1 and therefore have unity of invention. It is therefore respectfully requested that the outstanding Restriction Requirement be withdrawn, and that at least claims 1-31, 34-39, 43 and 44 be examined concurrently.

The Office Action further requires that a species be elected for the purposes of search and examination. The Applicants elect the enzyme Alcalase 2.4L. This election of species is made without traverse to the extent it is understood that, upon the finding of an allowable species, examination will continue with the non-elected species until all species have been examined or a non-allowable species is identified.